

Appl. No. 10/013,078
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice.

1-4 (cancelled)

5. (previously presented): A method of detecting misappropriation of goods in a self-checkout lane in a store, the self-checkout lane having an incoming goods path and a goods collection zone, and goods being passed, in service, from the incoming goods path into the goods collection zone; the incoming goods path including a product scanner electrically coupled to a processor, and the goods collection zone including a weighing scale electrically coupled to the processor; the method being performed by a processor and comprising the steps:

- (a) receiving input from the product scanner identifying goods introduced by a customer into the incoming goods path;
- (b) controlling one or more barriers so as to restrict access by a customer to the goods collection zone during introduction of goods into the incoming goods path and introduction of goods into the goods collection zone;
- (c) calculating, by referring to a record of product weights, a total weight value representative of the total weight of the goods introduced into the incoming goods path;
- (d) receiving input from the weighing scale specifying the total weight of the goods once received in the goods collection zone; and